(b) to (d) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the State Government have informed that on 13th October, 1988 they appointed the Commissioner, Jaipur Division to enquire into the allegation of female infanticide in the family of Shri Brijendra Singh, MLA, and submit his report by 31st December, 1988. The State Government have further informed that in the meantime the High Court of Rajasthan passed Order on 31st October, 1988 directing the State Government to register a criminal case and to get it investigated by a police officer not below the rank of Dy. Inspector-General. The report and the file of investigation are to be furnished to Court of Competent jurisdiction before 31st December 1988. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Police Station Bayana (Bharatpur) under Section 302/313 Indian Penal Code and Section 16 Bonded Labour System Abolition Act and the DIG, Crime (CID) appointed to conduct the investigation.

Import of Raw Silk from China

1598. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imported raw silk from China during 1988;

(b) if so, what is the quantity so imported and the distribution thereof among the weavers, Statewise:

(c) whether Government have any assessment of annual requirement;

(d) if so, what is the assessed annual requirement of raw silk; and

(e) how the requirement is being met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) During the year 1988, the Government has imported a total quantity of 36 tonnes of raw silk from China. The Statewise distribution of imported raw silk to state agencies/weavers' societies is as under:

State	Raw Silk Qty. (Tonnes)
Uttar Pradesh . . .	18.90
Tamil Nadu	8.90
Karnataka	4.25
Madhya Pradesh . . .	1.50
Andhra Pradesh . .	1.45
Others	1.00
	36.00

(c) to (e) The annual requirement of imported silk is approximately 2300—2500 tonnes. This annual requirement has been noted in the Trade Protocol signed with China for 1988-89. Initially, a provision of US $ 40 million has been made in the Trade Protocol with China.

Setting up of currency note printing press at Shalboni in West Bengal

1599. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering the project report for setting up the currency note printing press at Shalboni, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project report; and

(c) what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Project Report envisages production of approximately 5000 million pieces of currency/bank notes. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 596.4 crores. The Report has been circulated to various appraising agencies for their comments so as to enable the Government take an investment decision.

Production cost of Controlled and Janata Cloth

1600. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how much wage a handloom weaver is getting per day for the production of controlled and janata cloth;

(b) what is the production cost of such cloth in N.T.C. mills; and

(c) what is the production cost of such cloth in handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A large variety of Janata cloth is being produced in different States under the Janata Cloth Scheme in Handloom Sector. Wages to handloom weavers engaged in the production of Janata cloth are not, therefore, paid at uniform rates in the States. However, a handloom weaver engaged in the production of Janata Cloth gets an average wage ranging from Rs 14 to Rs. 32 per day. Controlled cloth is not produced in the handloom sector.

(b) and (c) The production cost of controlled cloth produced by NTC mills and Janata cloth in the handloom sector are as under:—

Item	Average Production cost per square metre	
	Controlled cloth	Janata cloth
	Rs.	Rs.
Dhoti . . .	8 66	7 50
Saree . . .	8 89	8.03
Long cloth . .	8.67	8.29

Freedom Fighters' Pension cases from Midnapur, West Bengal

1601. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of freedom fighters' pension from Midnapur district of West Bengal and the details of these cases;

(b) the reasons for not disposing of these cases expeditiously;

(c) whether these cases are likely to be settled at an early date; and

(d) whether Government are aware that most of these freedom fighters whose pension cases are pending final disposal are in their seventies and eighties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) All the cases from Midnapur district were disposed off in the Special drive carried out in July/August, 1986. However, some representations have been received from the freedom fighters to review their cases. Such cases are being reviewed.

Pending cases of Freedom Fighters from Muzaffarpur, Bihar

1602. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and particulars of freedom fighters from Muzaffarpur (Bihar) whose applications for Swatantrata Samman Pension are pending since long;

(b) what steps Government are taking to expedite disposal of these cases; and

(c) whether orders are being issued pertaining to these cases; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN